



Phi Delta Chi Alumni and Graduate Brother Newsletter

Alumni and Graduate Brothers,

We hope the first few months of 2016 have been good to you all! As always, the Brothers of the Alpha Chapter have been keeping themselves busy with a number of different initiatives to further promote the profession of pharmacy and our Chapter.

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The Travel Bug Bites the Alphas

The beginning of 2016 found the Alpha Brothers traveling all over the Midwest! In January, the gang headed up to Traverse City for the annual Winter Retreat, where Brothers shared some real quality time exploring the wineries of northern Michigan.



One week later, 13 Brothers traveled to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for the annual retreat hosted by Omega Chapter. The weekend was spent bunked up in cabins located in the heart of the beautiful Smoky Mountains. The Alphas took advantage to get out and do some hiking to Rainbow Falls while bonding with Brothers from all over the country.



February took the Brothers to Lafayette, Indiana to visit Purdue University (Tau Chapter) for the Great Lakes Regional Conference. Twenty Alphas spent the weekend discussing various ways to strengthen the chapters residing in the Midwest. Topics included alumni outreach, building chapter infrastructure, and developing trusting relationships with faculty advisors and administration. Additionally, Ryan Hobaugh (Beta Gamma) was welcomed into office as the region's new Regional Correspondent. As the month drew to a close, a few of the Brothers also participated in the annual convention for the Michigan Pharmacists Association held in Detroit. Congratulations to Emily Kaip, Codie Barron, and Victoria Facchini for leading the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy to a **FIRST place finish** in the Student Pharmacist Self-Care Championship!



In the beginning of March, a handful of Brothers traveled to Baltimore, Maryland for the APhA 2016 Annual Meeting and Exposition. Working with the theme of "Expanding Opportunities through Patient Care," they were able to attend different workshops, talks, and roundtables that highlighted the latest innovations occurring in pharmacy practice in the pursuit of provider status. There were also various networking opportunities that allowed us to interact not only with Phi Delta Chi Brothers and Alumni, but also with other students and alumni connected to the Michigan area. A job well done to Victoria Facchini, who represented the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in the APhA-ASP National Patient Counseling Competition!



In The Works: Developing an Alumni Chapter

Over the years, multiple Alpha Executive Boards have been working hard to improve alumni outreach. Efforts have been made to improve and maintain alumni rosters, enhance external communications, and bring back alumni Brothers to participate in collegiate events. Through these efforts, we have been building the foundation for reactivating a Phi Delta Chi alumni chapter here at the University of Michigan. A constitution has been drafted and is being prepared for review by the Executive Council. ***Our goal is to have the reactivation ceremony during Founder's Day weekend in 2017.***

Because this alumni chapter is in its infancy, it is important to develop a strong infrastructure in the early years. Rather than designing the chapter exclusively for Alpha Brothers, our mission is to create a place where ALL PDC Brothers who reside in the Great Lakes Region can come and participate in the events and activities hosted by Phi Delta Chi. Welcoming Brothers from around the region will allow us to better foster and promote a sense of Brotherhood and develop interest in participation on a much larger scale.

We are excited for all of the new opportunities an alumni chapter will bring to the Brothers of Phi Delta Chi. If you would like a copy of the Constitution to review and propose any initial changes, feel free to contact our Worthy Alumni Liaison, Austin Brown, at austpaul@med.umich.edu for more information.

The How To: Getting Your Alumni Dues Paid

In order for alumni Brothers to participate in alumni chapter events, dues must first be paid to the national office. This can be done online through the *Phi Delta Chi website* (phideltachi.org) under the *Alumni Brothers* tab. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or complications with the dues paying process.

From the National Office: The Alumni Foundations Program

In 1955, Phi Delta Chi created the Achievement Award Program because of the need to better communicate with the growing and ambitious collegiate chapters that emerged from the end of World War II. Today, the Dale Doerr Achievement Award Program is the primary method for maintaining the cohesive bond between the collegiate chapters and the rest of the fraternity.

Throughout the years evaluation forms have been utilized to assess the activity of alumni chapters and to award an Outstanding Alumni Chapter. There are historical documents from a program in 1980, which reviewed general activities of the chapter through a series of 20 questions, essentially mirroring most key attributes we find important in chapters today.

In 1998, Phi Delta Chi created the Foundations Program to be generally analogous to the Achievement Award Program, while at the same time, being flexible enough to accommodate the wide diversity in alumni interests and alumni chapter structure. The Foundations Program serves two distinct purposes. First and foremost, it serves as a basic tool for communication between the National Fraternity Office and alumni. The questions, in survey form, seek to gain factual information in eight areas of fraternity life. Two areas are addressed in each of the four seasonal reports. There are no right or wrong answers. The simple act of communicating is the base of the program.

Within each quarterly report, we accumulate a record of status, activity, interests, and direction for each alumni chapter. The program also serves as a means of identifying outstanding alumni and alumni chapter achievement. Points are assigned to each report. The three official chapters with the highest points are recognized annually with the top alumni chapter receiving the Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award.

The Foundations Program has served its purpose over the last 17 years; however, in most recent years it has lost favor and very few alumni chapters actually participate on a regular basis. In 2015, the Executive Council decided to revise the Alumni Foundations Program from a quarterly report to a single annual report focusing on the most important information needed by the National Office. The hope is that simplification and reduction to a single report will increase involvement in the program. Only nationally recognized alumni chapters are eligible for the Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award. Awards will be announced and given out at the Awards Ceremony of either the Leadership Development Seminar or Grand Council depending on the program year. The report will be due by **May 1st** of each year to allow time for judging and production of awards.

What's Going On: Events & Activities at the Alpha Chapter

Below is a list of events that will be coming up during the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. We hope that you will be able to join us at our upcoming fall events and meet the new Brothers. Also, check out the **PDC Alpha's newly designed website!** All of your Alpha Chapter alumni questions can be answered by [clicking this link!](#)

Events highlighted in RED are those we are truly hoping alumni Brothers can attend, as we are working hard to boost our alumni and graduate attendance at events this year. However, we welcome you to ALL of our PDC outings!

| <u>Date & Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Details</u> |
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| Monday, March 14 th – 11:00am | PDC/Relay for Life Grilled Cheese Fundraiser at the Walgreens Lab | Come join the Brothers for lunch as we partner with RFL to serve up some tasty grilled cheese sandwiches. |
| Wednesday, March 16 th – 5:30pm | Formal Meeting: Election Night Rm 2548 CC Little Building | It is important to us that our alumni are informed about the leadership of our chapter! Please join us in voting in our 2016-2017 Executive Board. |
| Friday, March 18 th – 7:00pm | Mr. & Ms. COP Fundraiser for St. Jude at the Walgreens Lab | Watch UofM pharmacy students dance, sing, and show off their best white coat pose all in support of our philanthropic mission to raise \$1,000,000 for the children of St. Jude by 2020. Price is \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Contact Brothers Joe Hubbard or Emily Kaip for details! (hubbjose@med.umich.edu) (eakaip@med.umich.edu) |
| Monday, April 4 th – 6:00pm | PDC Lineage Cook-Off Dinner at the Walgreens Lab | Spend an evening tasting all the various dishes made by Alpha's proud lineages as they duke it out for the title of this year's top dish! Contact Brothers Allie LeVasseur or Jared McPhail for information on how to be an alumni tasting judge! (alevass@med.umich.edu) (ejaredmc@med.umich.edu) |
| Wednesday, April 13 th – 6:30pm | Formal Meeting Rm 2528 CC Little Building | Come join us as we close out this school year with our last formal meeting of the semester. |
| Friday, April 22 nd – 4:00pm | Scholarship Committee Presents: The Practice OSCEs | Help the P1 Brothers prepare for their final exams by participating as a "mock patient" in a common patient/pharmacist interaction. Contact Brothers Andrew Glatz or Shaina Kwiatkowski for details. (aglatz@med.umich.edu) (sykwiat@med.umich.edu) |

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